

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (currently amended) Steam line isolation valve for closing a steam line (20), particularly in a steam turbine system (10) between a first expansion stage (11) and at least one second expansion stage (15) which is operated at lower pressure than the first expansion stage (11) , characterized by a plurality of elements (25a, 25b, 25c, 25d) which can jointly cover the cross-section of the steam line (20).

2. (currently amended) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of the elements (25b, 25c) is provided with one or more recesses (29) which do not extend over the entire thickness (d) of the elements (25a, 25b, 25c, 25d).

3. (currently amended) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the recesses (29) become deeper towards the edge of the element (25b, 25c).

4. (currently amended) Steam line isolation valve according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 3~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the elements (25a, 25b, 25c, 25d) are matched to the cross-section of the steam line (20), or the cross-section of the steam line (20) is matched to the elements (25a, 25b, 25c, 25d), or both the cross-section of the steam line (20) and the elements (25a, 25b, 25c, 25d) are varied.

5. (currently amended) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of the elements (25a, 25d) has a rounding (28).

6. (currently amended) Steam line isolation valve according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 5~~,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the elements ~~(25a, 25b, 25c, 25d)~~ have the same width ~~(b)~~.

7. (currently amended) Steam line isolation valve according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 5~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the elements ~~(25a, 25b, 25c, 25d)~~ have different dimensions for matching to the cross-section of the steam line ~~(20)~~.

8. (currently amended) Steam line isolation valve according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 7~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the elements ~~(25a, 25b, 25c, 25d)~~ have the same moment of inertia ~~(I<sub>y</sub>)~~ about an axis of rotation ~~(y)~~.

9. (currently amended) Steam line isolation valve according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 8~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the elements ~~(25a, 25b, 25c, 25d)~~ of the steam line isolation valve ~~(14)~~ can move independently of one another.

10. (currently amended) Steam line isolation valve according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 8~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a plurality of elements ~~(25a, 25b, 25c, 25d)~~ of the steam line isolation valve ~~(14)~~ are connected to a common drive ~~(26a, 26b)~~ via a gear ~~(27a, 27b)~~.

11. (currently amended) Steam turbine system with at least one first expansion stage ~~(11)~~ and at least one second expansion stage ~~(15)~~ which is operated at lower pressure than the expansion stage ~~(11)~~, of which there is at least one, and having at least one steam line ~~(20)~~ for feeding the second expansion stage ~~(15)~~, characterized in that there is disposed in each of the steam lines ~~(20)~~, upstream of supply lines ~~(20a, 20b)~~ to the second expansion stage ~~(15)~~, a steam line isolation valve ~~(14)~~.

12. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 2, wherein the elements are matched to the cross-section of the steam line, or the cross-section of the steam line is matched to the elements, or both the cross-section of the steam line and the elements are varied.

13. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 3, wherein the elements are matched to the cross-section of the steam line, or the cross-section of the steam line is matched to the elements, or both the cross-section of the steam line and the elements are varied.

14. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 2, wherein the elements have the same width  $b$ .

15. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 3, wherein the elements have the same width  $b$ .

16. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 4, wherein the elements have the same width  $b$ .

17. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 5, wherein the elements have the same width  $b$ .

18. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 2, wherein the elements have different dimensions for matching to the cross-section of the steam line.

19. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 3, wherein the elements have different dimensions for matching to the cross-section of the steam line.

20. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 4, wherein the elements have different dimensions for matching to the cross-section of the steam line.

21. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 5, wherein the elements have different dimensions for matching to the cross-section of the steam line.

22. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 2, wherein the elements have the same moment of inertia  $I_y$  about an axis of rotation  $y$ .

23. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 3, wherein the elements have the same moment of inertia  $I_y$  about an axis of rotation  $y$ .

24. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 4, wherein the elements have the same moment of inertia  $I_y$  about an axis of rotation  $y$ .

25. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 5, wherein the elements have the same moment of inertia  $I_y$  about an axis of rotation  $y$ .

26. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 6, wherein the elements have the same moment of inertia  $I_y$  about an axis of rotation  $y$ .

27. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 7, wherein the elements have the same moment of inertia  $I_y$  about an axis of rotation  $y$ .

28. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 2, wherein the elements of the steam line isolation valve can move independently of one another.

29. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 3, wherein the elements of the steam line isolation valve can move independently of one another.

30. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 4, wherein the elements of the steam line isolation valve can move independently of one another.

31. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 5, wherein the elements of the steam line isolation valve can move independently of one another.

32. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 6, wherein the elements of the steam line isolation valve can move independently of one another.

33. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 7, wherein the elements of the steam line isolation valve can move independently of one another.

34. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 8, wherein the elements of the steam line isolation valve can move independently of one another.

35. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 2, wherein a plurality of elements of the steam line isolation valve are connected to a common drive via a gear.

36. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 3, wherein a plurality of elements of the steam line isolation valve are connected to a common drive via a gear.

37. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 4, wherein a plurality of elements of the steam line isolation valve are connected to a common drive via a gear.

38. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 5, wherein a plurality of elements of the steam line isolation valve are connected to a common drive via a gear.

39. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 6, wherein a plurality of elements of the steam line isolation valve are connected to a common drive via a gear.

40. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 7, wherein a plurality of elements of the steam line isolation valve are connected to a common drive via a gear.

41. (new) Steam line isolation valve according to Claim 8, wherein a plurality of elements of the steam line isolation valve are connected to a common drive via a gear.